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Dear Harold:

I am sending this letter and explanation separately in case the package is delayed. I will also enclose a copy of it in the box which contains print-outs of the chapters that we have completed making corrections on. This includes also one of the new chapters. The rest should start coming soon.

I got your mailings today including a copy of the letter you wrote to Carol Deck with the note to me appended. You are quite correct that the chapters written on the label of the diskette appear to have been written at one time; clearly in the same hand, using the same pen. This is, of course, true of both, since one is a copy made recently. I will try to remember to xerox these and enclose them.

You will notice from the attached table that we have encountered yet more problems with the chapters on the diskette. (Both diskettes have the identical problems.) In addition to some of the chapters being only fragments of the originals (about which you have already been informed) there are a number of others where the version on the diskette is clearly an earlier version than the one on which you have made your corrections. It seems to me that the previous typist either had more than one version of the diskette, and sent the wrong one, or had the up to date versions on her computer's hard disk and neglected to transfer them properly to the diskette, or simply did not know what she was doing. Or, perhaps, a combination of these. In any case, she has left a real mess. Not, however, one that cannot be fixed. The problem is that it will take time to get things back to where they once were. This is at least part of the explanation for the long delay in getting some of this back to you. We had already made corrections on the files (chapters) that appeared to be complete on the diskette and were getting ready to print out copies to send you when we noticed that we were working with earlier versions of some of these files than you were. Thus, the printouts would have included the recent corrections, but would also have included many of the typos, and other errors that had already been corrected previously, but had disappeared into "cyberspace!" I have tried to indicate on the attached what we were able to accomplish with each of the files. I hope I have made it clear enough. As we continue to work away at this, we will do our best.

In trying to get things back in shape, I would suggest the following.

1.) We have made corrections on pages of chapters where we have only an earlier version of the chapter, trying to recreate, as nearly as possible, the page as it appears in your copy. These, you can slip into your corrected copy. At some point, when there is time, it would be good to get a copy of what you have so we can restore the chapters on diskette to the proper state. But, for now, you at least will have a hard copy that will be useable.

2.) For the chapters for which we have only fragments, we have attempted to do the same, so that you will have a corrected hard copy. It would be good to get these chapters back on the diskette, when you have a chance to make copies and we have a chance to get them back onto the computer. If the versions you have of these chapters are sufficiently clear in appearance, it may be possible to enter them into the computer using the optical scanning equipment that we have in our computer center. It takes some time to do this, and then to ensure that the documents scanned accurately, but, believe me, it takes far less time than it would for the most efficient of typists (which we are not)! (We were able to do this quite successfully with Chapter Six —

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Bloody Harlan, where we had a good print-out with your corrections, but only the second half of the chapter on the diskette. It scanned very nicely, and quite accurately.)

3.) For the chapters which are on the diskette in the proper version, we have made the necessary corrections and included a copy of the print-out of the complete chapter in such cases. Also, we have included your paper-clipped pages with corrections. In order to speed up the process, I have not gone over the chapters to correct typos that you might have missed, or those we might have missed. If you wish, after we get all into decent shape, I would be happy to do a proofing, and make a few suggestions — if you would like me to. I know a second set of eyes is sometimes helpful.

4.) The new chapters are being typed. We will send them along as we complete them so that you may make whatever corrections may be necessary. We have completed the Epstein chapter and have another under way.

5.) I have paid little attention to consistency in format, font, pagination, titles, etc. It will be a relatively simple matter, when we get everything typed in, to select whatever format you like, and incorporate it throughout. I have continued what appeared to be the practice of beginning pagination again in each chapter. This probably makes editing easier. It is a very simple matter to have the computer repaginate everything when we get it all together.

I have attached a list of each of the files (as the individual chapters on the diskette are referred to) with a brief description of it, and its current status. I hope it will be clear to you. Also, I hope we did not make too many errors in our typing. There may be as I did not want to take more time by going through all the printouts carefully myself. If I had, you probably wouldn't have received this for a good long time.

I am using a different box to return the chapters, since they would not fit in the box you sent them in. We will hang on to that box and use it to send other chapters. Please note, in the box, I have placed the corrected printouts for each chapter immediately behind your original.

I must add, I think, based on the parts I have read, it is one hell of a book!

Regards to both of you.



FILE ON DISKETTE	TITLE	STATUS
preface.wpd ¹	Preface	A fragment — approximately 10 double-spaced pages. <i>Begins:</i> “__ case. It failed because the prosecution-side scientific malarkey did not convince the jury, and that is all the defense needed to do to win, to defeat the prosecution.” <i>Ends:</i> “ hope others can perceive that this can be true of them, too.”
chapter1.wpd	CHAPTER ONE: Competing Literary Bordellos	Appears to be complete.
chapter2.wpd		A two line fragment!
chapter3.wpd	CHAPTER THREE: The Present as the Future for the Young	Complete chapter. Corrected page attached to original (page 3)
chapter4.wpd		8 page fragment (sections needing correction not included among those on the diskette) <i>Begins:</i> “_f I had one. He put it on my tab. From Tom When business was slack in the wee hours and we sat and talked I got what I never got from my parents. They not once ” <i>Ends:</i> “ Once in a while I remembered it to jibe at and mimic some of the self-conceived Lowell Thomases who laced the airways with their self-glorification for which there was no basis in their writing or in accomplishments, which were largely empty boasts.

¹“wpd” is the extension that indicates the word-processing program, WordPerfect, that we are using.

chapter5.wpd		5 page fragment (sections needing correction not included among those on the diskette) <i>Begins:</i> " _er getting there. But I was not suspicious and I was glad for company and for commiseration. " <i>Ends:</i> " In many ways of which I then had no inkling like so many of the learning experiences that when we live them we do not recognize as learning experiences, they later were helpful, often important, to be drawn upon.
chapter6.wpd	CHAPTER SIX: "Bloody Harlan" Remains Bloody	On diskette, an 18 page fragment — starting with last paragraph of your p.20. We used the optical scanner to add the first 20 pages so that we now have a complete copy of the chapter on the diskette. Appears to have worked well. Corrections made. Printout of chapter enclosed.
chapter7.wpd	CHAPTER SEVEN: Set-Up for the UnAmericans	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections.
chapter8.wpd	CHAPTER EIGHT: The Un-Americans Upset	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections
chapter9.wpd	CHAPTER NINE: Into the "Wild Bill" Yonder	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chapter10.wpd	CHAPTER TEN: Failing By Succeeding	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chapter11.wpd	CHAPTER ELEVEN: The State of State	Incomplete. Version on diskette ends at p. 25 at the break. New print-out of the rest of chapter with corrections made attached to your corrections. NOTE: The version on the diskette appears to be earlier version than the one on which you made corrections. See yellow post-it note attached to original.
chap12.wpd	CHAPTER TWELVE: The Beginning of the Ending That Meant a New Beginning	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chap13.wpd	CHAPTER THIRTEEN: Much From Little: A Precedent and the Mortgage Paid Off	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chap14.wpd	CHAPTER FOURTEEN: Eye to Eye	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chap15.wpd	CHAPTER FIFTEEN: Head on the Block	Complete. No corrections indicated.

chap16.wpd	PART TWO CHAPTER SIXTEEN: The Shit Parade	Complete. However, version on diskette is earlier version than the one you used for corrections. We have made the corrections so that they match your copy. Attached to original.
chap16a.wpd	PART TWO: The Mardi Gras Solution of the JFK Assassination CHAPTER SIXTEEN: The Jolly Green Giant	Complete. However, version on diskette is earlier version than the one you used for corrections. We have made the corrections so that they match your copy. Attached to original.
chap17a.wpd	CHAPTER SEVENTEEN: The Not So "Jolly Green Giant"	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections.
chap18.wpd	CHAPTER EIGHTEEN: "A Citizen's Descent"	Complete. No corrections indicated.
chap18a.wpd	CHAPTER EIGHTEEN: Garrison Like the FBI Avoided Learning who the Associates Oswald Had in New Orleans Were	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections
chap19.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY: An Industry Killing of an Important Investigative Lead	Complete. However, version on diskette is earlier version than the one you used for corrections. We made corrections. You may want to review it more carefully, though. New print-out attached.
chap21.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO: The Unrushed Judgement	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections.
chap22.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO: The Holy Man	Complete. No corrections indicated. However, version on diskette is earlier, uncorrected version with numerous typo's.
chap24.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR: The Holy Man and His Other Holy Cause	Complete. New print-out of entire chapter attached to your corrections.
chap25.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE: Edward Jay Epstein as an Assassination Scholar	New chapter. Complete. Print-out included.
chap26.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX: "Trust Me, I'm A Thief": David Lifton	Complete. No corrections indicated. However, version on diskette is earlier, uncorrected version with numerous typo's.
chap27.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN: The Truthslayer: King Harry	Not yet typed.
chap28.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT: Livingstone's Two Minds — Both Skewed	Not yet typed

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chap29.wpd	CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE: How Crazy Can You Be — and Be Publishable?	Not yet typed
chap30.wpd	CHAPTER THIRTY: Real Is Unreal; Unreal Is Real	Not yet typed

Notes:

- > Three clipped pages on which you wrote "Chapter 17" (and in the upper right, "Chap17.doc") seems to go with nothing that is on the diskette. I have included it in what I sent so you may be able to identify it.
- > The CHAPTER SEVENTEEN: Autopsy on a JFK Assassination Best Seller" renumbered CHAPTER XXVI (and "final copy" in upper right) does not appear to be on the diskette.